

### Youth Seized for Pocketbook Theft at Plant

A 17-year-old Harbor Hills youth who was released from Whittier boys' school only last January was returned to juvenile authorities Tuesday by Torrance police. He had been arrested at Long Beach last Saturday when he was observed spending money with a free hand.

Investigation disclosed that he had "lifted" a fellow-worker's pocketbook at the International Derrick plant and spent nearly \$18 of a total of \$66 before he was caught.

The youth was accompanied by his 15-year-old brother, who was released to their father after they were brought to the Torrance jail from the Juvenile hall in Los Angeles.

The father made good the amount spent by the older boy and the pocketbook with its money was returned to the Ideco worker from whom it was stolen, according to Police Chief John Stroh.

### DEPEND ON CARS

Eighty-six per cent of all workers are dependent upon rubber-tired transportation to get them to and from their jobs.

### 'Vegetable Exchange' to Swap Excess Produce Said Needed Here

Is your Victory garden producing a surfeit of vegetables—more than you can use or give away?

Would you like to exchange your excess lettuce for, say, cauliflower or beets?

Several Victory gardeners have asked The Herald if a "Vegetable Exchange" could not be set up here to take care of abundance of produce that is ready for harvesting and cannot all be used by the individual growers.

Here's an opportunity for some organization—it must have some direction—to provide a real service to the community. The Herald will be glad to lend its support to any group that will undertake operation of a voluntary, free "Vegetable Exchange."

Those who have more than enough of some vegetable would bring it to a central place in Torrance where swaps could be effected, thus eliminating any wastage of food. For instance: The Victory gardener whose plot is now "running over" with carrots could bring them to the Exchange and trade them with a gardener who wants carrots and has onions, lettuce or spinach to offer.

It is believed that the city would cooperate with any move made to launch such a community project. But it needs direction, some group that will make the arrangements. Is any organization interested?

### Red Cross Needs Pad Material

The Torrance branch American Red Cross today appeals to local residents for cast-off materials to supply each local school child with a kneeling pad. These are used by the children to sit or kneel on during air raid alerts

to protect them from cold floors. They will be especially useful during fall and winter months when school reopens.

Already 18 pads have been made, but many more are needed. Mrs. Lola Hoover, branch chairman and Mrs. Maude Lock, production chairman, also request contributions of used underwear to make baby shirts, men's trousers for quilt pieces and clean rags. Knitters for

### Camp-o-Ral Being Arranged for Local Boys

Boy Scouts of Torrance, Lomita, Walteria and Keystone are making final preparations for participation in the Harbor district Camp-O-Ral at Daniels field playground in San Pedro June 12 and 13, it was announced yesterday by Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Torrance-Lomita executive Scout committee, and J. Roy Winters, assistant district commissioner.

The local Scout division now has five active troops. Troop 219, sponsored by the Torrance Kiwanis club and Troop 269 sponsored by the Torrance Latter Day Saints church, are understood to be in the process of re-organization and may be ready for the classic Scouting event.

A committee composed of three Scoutmasters, R. E. Kelley, Roy Stanton and Frank Delgado, are in charge of the Camp-O-Ral program which will include 10 special events: knot tying, compass, fire building, signaling, first aid, judging distances, weights, etc.; fire by friction, fire by flint and steel, stretcher carry, observation and running a commando course.

Army gloves and Navy scarves are also needed.

### Scouts Invited to L. A. Ball Game

Hillman Lee, Boy Scout commissioner, said today Torrance, Lomita and Walteria Scouts are invited to be guests May 31 at a doubleheader baseball game at Wrigley field. The day is a school holiday.

Lee said boys should be in uniform if possible and if not to carry their Scout cards. All Scout leaders are also invited.

### Coffee Drinkers Get 'Break'

Coffee drinkers have been given a break by the O.P.A. with the announcement that there would be an increase in the coffee ration for June. Stamp No. 24 in War Ration Book 1 becomes valid Monday, May 31, and will be good through Wednesday, June 30, a period of 31 days instead of 35.

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